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SERIOUS CHARGES

—of news suppression and news management are brought against the Johnson Administration in a report released Sunday by the Freedom of Information Committee of Sigma Delta Chi, respected journalism fraternity not given to shooting from the hip.

Hot Report From Sigma Delta Chi — The White House, says this report, is taking more and more control over news releases unconnected with security, and getting more and more edgy about harmless news leaks.

Defense Department news controls are described as too tight, and Post Office Department secrecy is deplored.

Where there is so much smoke (this is far from the first cloud of it) there is almost sure to be fire. How about frank discussion of the Sigma Delta Chi charges when next our esteemed President flings a news conference?